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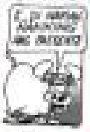
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# Migz wins Maguindanao; Koko pins hope on SC ruling





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## Ermita: GMA not liable for military's leftist slays



FOR THE FIRST TIME since the enforced disappearance of her son Jonas...

## She tags two Army officers in son's kidnap

By Margaux C. Ortiz

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE agriculturist Jonas Burgos went missing exactly two months ago today, his mother accused the Army of having abducted him, and Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon of covering up the crime.

## WWF: Business leads going green campaign

By DJ Yap

## NY-based rights group indicts military in political killings

By Christian V. Esguerra

# GMA reappoints CA's 12 bypassed Cabinet members



By Michael Lim Ubac and Michelle V. Remo

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WEATHER FORECAST

# Shut up, Palace tells Rep. Teves

MALACAÑANG HAS told outgoing Negros Oriental Rep. Herminio Teves to ease up on his word war with members of the congressional Commission on Appointments whom he accused of operating an alleged extortion racket in the confirmation process of executive branch appointees.

> "If he doesn't name names, it would only show that his accusations are baseless."

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ARMED Forces chief of staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon (left) and Admiral Timothy J. Keating, Commander, US Pacific Command, shake hands after a news conference in Camp Aguinaldo Wednesday.

# US willing to help RP troops in fight vs NPA

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE UNITED STATES VOWED yesterday to support Filipino troops in their fight against ... [illegible]




# Minority solons adopt 'wait-and-see' attitude

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE MINORITY BLOC IN THE House of Representatives is adopting a "wait-and-see" attitude ... [illegible]

# Race for speakership just a numbers game—Ermita

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

AS FAR AS MALACAÑANG IS concerned, the contest for the speakership is just a numbers game. ... [illegible]

# Antiterror law takes effect July 15






# Broadband network deal not yet final, says Palace

## Abu Sayyaf installs new leader

## Oncology Society sets annual gab

# ECC issued to Taal spa job suspended




# PNP set to file charges against gun smugglers

## THE DAILY GOSPEL



# SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK (NBN) PROJECT OF DOTC

Pursuant to the mandate of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (2004–2010) and the Digital Infrastructure component of the President's Ten-Point Agenda, the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), in cooperation with the Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICT) and with the approval of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), conceptualized and will implement the National Broadband Network (NBN) Project. It is time that the government avail of technological advances and pursue a project that will increase and improve its capacity to service the nation through effective and efficient communication.

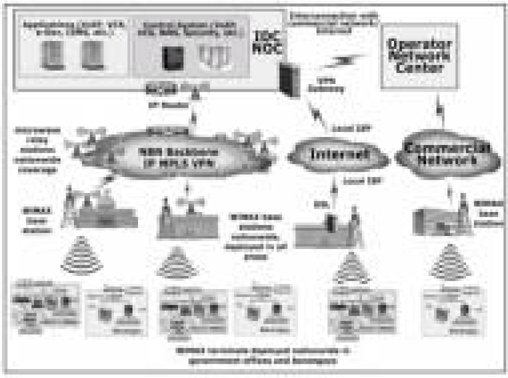
It is our privilege to let the public know truths in summary about the NBN.

1. NBN is highly favourable to the Government of the Philippines because of the following reasons:
   a. It will build a fully integrated, single Internet Protocol (IP)-based platform, nationwide broadband network to allow seamless voice, data, and video connectivity within and among national, regional, and local government agencies.
   b. As a common information pipeline for government, it will marshall the information technology (IT) resources of the government, avoid duplication of systems, and host all e-government applications, including the adoption of NDD and IDD cost saving VoIP.
   c. It is a necessary first step to the implementation of government's enterprise architecture.
   d. Rather than mothballing existing legacy government telecom infrastructure, it will optimize utilization thereby preserving government's investments therein.
   e. It will make voice and data communications more efficient resulting in savings in communication expenses, internet access, intranet capacity, and operations and maintenance (O&M) in the long run.
   f. Government communications and information will become more accessible but at the same time more secure.

2. NBN will be a government network and will purely be for government use-only as allowed by Republic Act 7925. As such, NBN will not compete with existing private telecom carriers in the private arena. In fact, the transition to government only, NBN will allow the government to comply with the privatization requirements of Republic Act 7925 by forcing it to spin off its existing private subscribers and unutilized facilities to the private telecom carriers.

3. As the NBN is a fixed network and has no mobile component by design, government will continue to source its mobile telephone requirements from the private mobile carriers. Additionally, internet access will still be sourced from the private sector, but with NBN the sourcing will be on a wholesale basis as opposed to the existing retail pricing.

4. Proper and legal procedures were followed in the procurement of the NBN project.
   a. ZTE Corporation, the NBN Project proponent, submitted their proposal July 2006.
   b. After the appropriate review and evaluation, the CICT endorsed the NBN Project proposal to NEDA for approval.
   c. After the appropriate review and evaluation, the DOTC endorsed the NBN Project proposal to NEDA for approval.




## The National Broadband Network Framework

   d. The NEDA Investment Coordination Committee reviewed and evaluated the NBN Project proposal and endorsed it to the NEDA Board for approval.
   e. The NEDA Board approved ZTE Corporation's NBN Project proposal in March 2007.
   f. As per agreement between the governments of the People's Republic of China and the Republic of the Philippines, the NBN Project will be financed by Export-Import Bank (Eximbank) of China under preferential terms of 3% annual interest and 20 year repayment period inclusive of 5 year grace.
   g. As a tied loan, the People's Republic of China is entitled to nominate the main contractor and it nominated ZTE Corporation. Such conditions imposed on tied loans dispensing with bidding requirements is sanctioned by Section 4 of Republic Act 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act and the Foreign Borrowings Act.
   h. The NBN Project is not a BOT project subject to the BOT Law as it is, among other reasons, a government-to-government transaction.

5. ZTE's proposal is financially superior with a greater coverage and more advanced technology as it is more technically superior compared to other bidders.
   a. The cost of the Project is US $ 329 Million that corresponds to a nationwide coverage and connection of majority of government agencies. ZTE's proposal will connect a total of 25,844 Government offices (National Agencies, Provincial, Municipal, City and Barangay LGUs) upto the 5th and 6th class municipalities.
   b. ZTE's proposal includes managed services, extensive training and technology transfer.
   c. The technologies proposed to be used in the NBN Project are state-of-the-art, mature but at the early stages of product life thereby avoiding early obsolescence.

### Comparative Evaluation of the Proposals for the National Broadband Network Project

| Proponent | Amsterdam Holdings Incorporated | China Government through ZTE | ARESCOM |
|---|---|---|---|
| Objective | To establish a privately owned broadband and cellular network to provide cellular phone services while aiming at the Government to be the primary subscriber | The objective of the proposal is to establish a telecommunication network for the Government of the Philippines to serve as platform of all ICT (e.g. VOIP, e-government) services that would enhance delivery of basic services and improve efficiency in Government administration. The project will upgrade the existing Government's telecom facilities into IP based network | To establish a satellite based network that will connect selected regional offices of the Government particularly the DILG and some LGUs. |
| Nature of Proposal | Build Operate Own (BOO) | Government to Government Agreement | Not Clear |
| Financial Capability of the Proponent | PhP625,000 paid-up capital | With total Asset amounting to RMB 23,070,129,000 as of September 2006 Largest Listed Hi-tech Company in China in Hongkong and Shenzhen Stock Exchange | No information |
| Technical Capability | No telecom track record | Long track record in ICT development and with full financial backing by the Government of the Peoples Republic of China | WR/DSL manufacturer No telecom system integration experience |
| Coverage | Covers only the 1st, 2nd and some 3rd class cities/municipalities | Covers almost 100% of the Philippines. From 1st class to 6th class cities and municipalities, with the 300 WiMAX's base stations, each has a radius of 30 kms | Covers only 21 selected regional centers |
| Cost vs Deliverables | US$ 240M<br>87 Base Stations<br>500 Cell sites<br>Note: Government will have to buy its own cell phone units and VOIP terminals | US$ 329M<br>145 Repeater Stations<br>30 IP/MPLS VPN Network Nodes<br>300 Base Stations<br>25,844 CPEs with VoIP Terminals<br>1 IDC/NOC with back up | US$135M<br>21 Base Stations<br>63 CPEs<br>Satellite Central Hub Station |

By: Department of Transportation and Communications

# Ermita: GMA not liable for military's …

## Level of application

## 'Very, very strict'

## 3 circumstances

### IN THE KNOW

#### Command responsibility in international law

# Jonas mom accuses Esperon of coverup

### 5 officers of 56th IB

### Meeting with Esperon

## Cory backs SC initiative

By Leila B. Salaverria

### 'Classified matter'

### 'I need to find Jonas'

# NY-based rights group indicts military …



# Cops get wrong man in killing of broadcaster

# Too much personal ...

ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SPELLS ECONOMIC & SOCIAL GROWTH

# JPEPA: Heralding a new age of growth



The Agreement will enhance the Philippines' attractiveness as a destination for Japanese investments as it provides a framework that ensures greater certainty for investors.

THE Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement or JPEPA represents an unparalleled opportunity for the Filipino people. The Agreement expands trade and investments between the Philippines and Japan – the world's second largest economy. It brings accelerated economic and social growth for the nation, opening new markets for our businesses and creating employment for our people.

JPEPA will help Philippine business become globally competitive and achieve success across numerous markets, not just Japan. When the Agreement comes into force, it will create new benefits and opportunities for Philippine society. All these dynamic gains shall translate into more businesses, more jobs and, ultimately, poverty alleviation.

With the Agreement, almost 95% of Philippine exports to Japan (in terms of value) will face zero duties on Day One. This means becoming even more competitive. The impact will immediately be felt by our farmers, fishermen and food processors. Our industries will also be beneficiaries because both parties will eliminate tariffs on almost all industrial goods within 10 years from the day JPEPA comes into force.

Philippine manufacturing industries will reap both immediate benefits, through improved market access and – more importantly – dynamic gains through additional streams of investment flows.

**Enhancing RP's attractiveness as an investment haven**

The Agreement will enhance the Philippines' attractiveness as a destination for Japanese investments as it provides a framework that provides greater certainty for investors. The Agreement will serve as a powerful incentive for Japanese investors to use the Philippines as a base for operations in Southeast Asia.

JPEPA will provide market access and non-discriminatory treatment for Filipino service providers. This [illegible]

**HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN.** [illegible]

means job opportunities for engineers, architects, interior designers, and film production workers, among others. Services account for almost 70% of Japan's economy. It is a sector that is one of the most difficult to access and yet one that will be opened to Filipinos.

More importantly, the Agreement establishes a formal arrangement for the acceptance of Filipino nurses and caregivers in Japan. In these years, it is estimated that Japan will need more than seven million nurses and caregivers to tend to a huge elderly market (20% of Japan's population). Under JPEPA, Japan will, for the first time in its history, be accepting foreign caregivers to take care of its elderly.

**A partnership of growth**

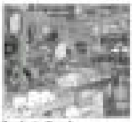
The Agreement is a partnership with the second largest economy in the world. Japan is a market of 128 million consumers. It is the world's fifth largest importer and the eighth biggest source of investments in the world. To have strong, formal linkages with Japan is to have more limitless opportunities for economic growth. JPEPA means expanded trade, more jobs for our services sector, and more investments from Japan. JPEPA means technology transfer in the areas of energy and telecommunications. It means better market access for banking and financial services.

The benefits of JPEPA will reverberate in the years to come. It is an opportunity for growth that must not be squandered. It is also a challenge to our leaders to secure a brighter tomorrow for this generation and for the generations to come. ■



BENEFITS

## Key points of the Agreement



**Trade in Goods**

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**Rules of Origin**

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**Customs Procedures**

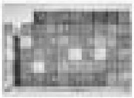
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**Paperless Trading**

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**Mutual Recognition**

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**Trade in Services**

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communications, and banking.

**Investment**

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**Movement of Natural Persons**

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**Intellectual Property**

[illegible]

**Government Procurement**

[illegible]

**Competition**

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**Improvement of the Business Environment**

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**Cooperation**

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- Human Resource Development
- Financial Services
- Information and Communications Technology
- Energy and Environment
- Science and Technology
- Trade and Investment Promotion
- Small and Medium Enterprises
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Road Development

**Dispute Avoidance and Settlement**

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ISSUES

# What JPEPA has to offer

The Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) is the single most significant economic agreement for the Philippines in the past four decades. The Agreement spells out the framework for the expansion of trade in goods and services between the two countries, paving the way for wider market access, bigger investments, and technology transfer from Japan.

## Trade







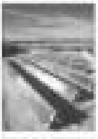
## Agriculture

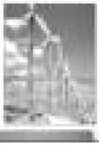
## Environment

## Labor and Employment



## Energy





CONCLUSION

# A future of prosperity

THE long and tortuous road that the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) has led to the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines. There, the fate of this Agreement rests, awaiting its ratification.

JPEPA has been caught in a frenzy of discussions and debates, heated arguments and demonstrations. In the end, it will be put to a simple yet historic vote, a vote that will decide not only the fate of the Agreement but the aspirations of majority of the Filipino people as well.

JPEPA represents a window of opportunity for the country to move forward. The economic gains to be enjoyed from increased trade with Japan, not only of goods but of services as well, can be translated into increased investments, higher employment, and technology transfer that will boost a wide range of business sectors in the Philippines – from energy to transport to telecommunications and information and communications technology.

> Investments from Japan are expected to come in, that will build more factories, establish more businesses and generate more employment for Filipinos.

The social benefits are enormous; the outsourcing and employment prospects alone are expected to further fuel economic growth. Imagine the lucrative Japanese market opening up for Filipino nurses and caregivers, architects, engineers, interior designers, even film production workers like animators, directors and artists. This will mean employment and foreign exchange earnings.

The agricultural sector will get a major boost from the broader market access that JPEPA brings. Tariffs on exports like fruits, beverages and other agri-based products will be eliminated or reduced. Industries will likewise benefit from the Agreement as tariffs on iron, steel and other manufactured goods will also be reduced. Investments from Japan are expected to come in, and that will mean more factories will be humming, more businesses will be set up, and more Filipinos will find work.

As things now stand, Asean countries such as Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, compared to the Philippines, export more products and services to Japan. Incidentally, Malaysia and Singapore have already formalized its bilateral trade relationship with Japan, while Indonesia and Thailand are in the process of doing the same.

If we fail to follow suit, we can only expect further reduction of our share of the Japanese market.

A trade agreement, even one as beneficial as JPEPA, cannot decide the economic development of this nation. But it contributes immensely to the attainment of that goal, with the promise of more job opportunities for the people, a bigger market for agriculture, wider opportunities for businesses, and higher revenue for the government. ■



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# OPINION

## It's a steal

EDITORIAL




## Sieve or dam?

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*Juan L. Mercado*

## What's in a name?

THERE'S THE RUB

*Conrado de Quiros*

# Each CA seat equivalent to committee chair

POLITICAL TIDBITS

*Belinda Olivares-Cunanan*

# Renewed

YOUNG BLOOD

*Stephen Norries A. Padilla*

# The way of 'he' in Nanjing

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*Ma. Ceres P. Doyo*

# It's up to the Supremes

THE LONG VIEW

*Manuel L. Quezon III*

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# Payback time but not for children's benefit

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## Alvarez ouster caused by vested interests

## PlunderWatch explains stand on Estrada trial

## DPWH's claim to 'world-class' record belied

## Train food servers to be more hygienic

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

# Fish cages ruin Taal Lake's beauty

By Marlon Alexander Luistro
*Mataas na Kahoy, Batangas*

RESIDENTS OF MATAAS NA Kahoy town in Batangas can't forget Taal Lake's glorious past: people swimming and bathing in pristine waters, fish jumping in the tide to the delight of tourists, and fishermen rowing boats to get their catch.

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## Fish cage culture

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## Pollution

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## Unified rules

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Fish cages operate in Taal Lake, polluting the country's third largest lake.

# Maguindanao, Trillanes and other Senate woes

By Francisco S. Tatad

At noon of June 30, twelve newly elected senators will begin their six-year term of office. But unless the responsible parties act now, only eleven senators will be sworn in that day. This should not happen at all.

All eyes are now on Maguindanao. Its votes will decide the fight for twelfth place between Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III of "Genuine Opposition" and Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri of Team Unity.

Both are from Mindanao, and running for the Senate for the first time. Zubiri has served three successful terms as congressman of the third district of Bukidnon, while Koko has failed in his maiden political bid. This happened in 2001, when he ran for mayor of Cagayan de Oro, while his father Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr was Senate President.

As of now, Koko leads Zubiri by a little over 100,000 votes in the national count, minus Maguindanao. But in Cagayan de Oro itself, Zubiri placed third, while Pimentel landed sixth only. In the 21 municipalities of Maguindanao, the certificates of canvass (CoCs) show 186,518 votes for Zubiri, and 58,622 votes for Pimentel. The 127,896 margin should put Zubiri ahead of Pimentel by at least 16,000 votes.

Pimentel has asked the Supreme Court to restrain the Commission on Elections from canvassing the Maguindanao CoCs. But the Court has declined to do so. It simply scheduled oral arguments on June 28, which is cutting it too close to June 30. So not having been ordered to stop, the Comelec has proceeded to canvass the CoCs.

Were the Maguindanao CoCs to be excluded, a new election would have to be called in the area, to decide who would be the twelfth senator. Otherwise, the whole of Maguindanao would be completely disenfranchised as far as the senatorial race is concerned.

But how would that affect the local officials who would have assumed office by then? Would the Court split the May 14 ballot in Maguindanao, and declare the votes for the local candidates are valid but not the votes for the senators?

That would create a nasty constitutional and political situation which would not be easy to resolve. It appears that the best remedy for Pimentel, should he finally lose, is to do what Fernando Poe, Jr. did, after losing the 2004 presidential elections, which millions believed he had won.

Even if Koko should finally lose, he would still be serving the Senate, and even better, by saving it from a second political dynasty, after the Cayetanos. Were he to make it, the Senate would have two Pimentels, and bearing the same names too. This would present a daily problem to the presiding officer, and no one would be obliged to take us seriously anymore.

As of now, the Senate has to contend with two Cayetanos. Not all the voters saw this anomaly before the elections. Many, if not most, of those who had voted for Rep. Alan Cayetano were those who genuinely admired his showmanship in the failed impeachment debates and his uncanny ability to get the goat of the First Gentleman, Mr. Mike Arroyo. Many were not aware there was already a Senator Pia Cayetano. But now they know.

What is to be done then? Since more people seem to be aware of Alan's political prowess than that of his sister Pia, there should be no harm in Pia resigning motu proprio or going on a permanent leave of absence without pay. This would require character, but there is nothing to prevent those who voted for her in 2004 to ask her to consider it seriously.

What to do with Senator Antonio Trillanes IV is the Senate's next problem. He and former Senator Gregorio Honasan ran for the Senate while under detention for their alleged role in the aborted 2003 Oakwood Mutiny. Honasan had been granted bail before the election, and Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales has now moved for the dropping of the charges against him on the ground of weak evidence.

But the administration seems resolved to keep Trillanes in jail even while the Senate is in session. This may be constitutionally debatable, and it may not be the wisest move for the administration. It could make Trillanes bigger than himself and the administration more unpopular than it needs to be.

Time will tell whether the people acted wisely or foolishly in making Trillanes senator. But his election does remove any risk of flight from the court's jurisdiction. The state would, therefore, be well advised to grant him bail so that he could perform his official duties well. This is the only way people will know if they did right or not in sending him to this formerly august chamber. It would also soften the image of the administration.

Now, despite the numerical superiority of the opposition, they will not necessarily be united in electing the next Senate President. Conflicting ambitions for 2010 will tend to divide its members. What is likely to emerge is a coalition president, who can play with everyone. It will be the old values-free politics as usual.

How the Senate will conduct its inquiries in aid of legislation remains an all-important question. Some senators-elect have already announced their desire to ride high on their investigations. The chairmanship of the Blue Ribbon committee will be critical.

At one time, then Senate president Neptali Gonzales had suggested the possibility of abolishing the Blue Ribbon committee on the ground that it tended to divert the work of the senators from legislative work to police-type investigations. Senator Ernesto Maceda objected, saying it would render the Senate powerless vis-à-vis the President. Not only did the committee stay, other committees became equally aggressive in conducting inquiries that tended to look more like criminal proceedings.

The Senate would regain much of its lost dignity and prestige, if its committees conducted their inquiries in aid of legislation in the most suitable manner, without arrogant and uncouth members browbeating invited guests and making a mockery of basic human civility and correct parliamentary usage, and if it began to debate more ideas, not just exposes, in committee and on the floor.

# Across the NATION

# Soldiers nab teeners in Abra; Army says it's to protect them



COMELEC CHAIR Benjamin Abalos checks ballot boxes in controversy-ridden elections in Maguindanao.

# Bossi kidnappers demand ₱15M in ransom, says leader of MILF

KIDAPAWAN CITY—MORO GUNMEN HOLDING Italian priest Giancarlo Bossi are demanding ₱15 million in ransom, according to a leader of the separatist guerrilla group Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

## Quezon poll exec kills self amid pressure



HELPING HAND

## ₱88-M flyover project runs out of funds

# Wealth-in-trash training given Iloilo folk



# PNP: Where's arrest order on Bedol?

### Arrest order issued today

### Be careful with Bedol

### Asking for it

# Migz wins Maguindanao; Koko pins hope on SC ruling

### Last hope

DISPUTED COUNT

### NBC is next step

### Delay seen

### 'Fishing expedition'

# GMA reappoints CA's 12 bypassed Cabinet members

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### Suplico and Pichay

### Revenue shortfall

### Reduce budget deficit

# WWF: Business leads going green campaign

### Biggest donation by UK firm

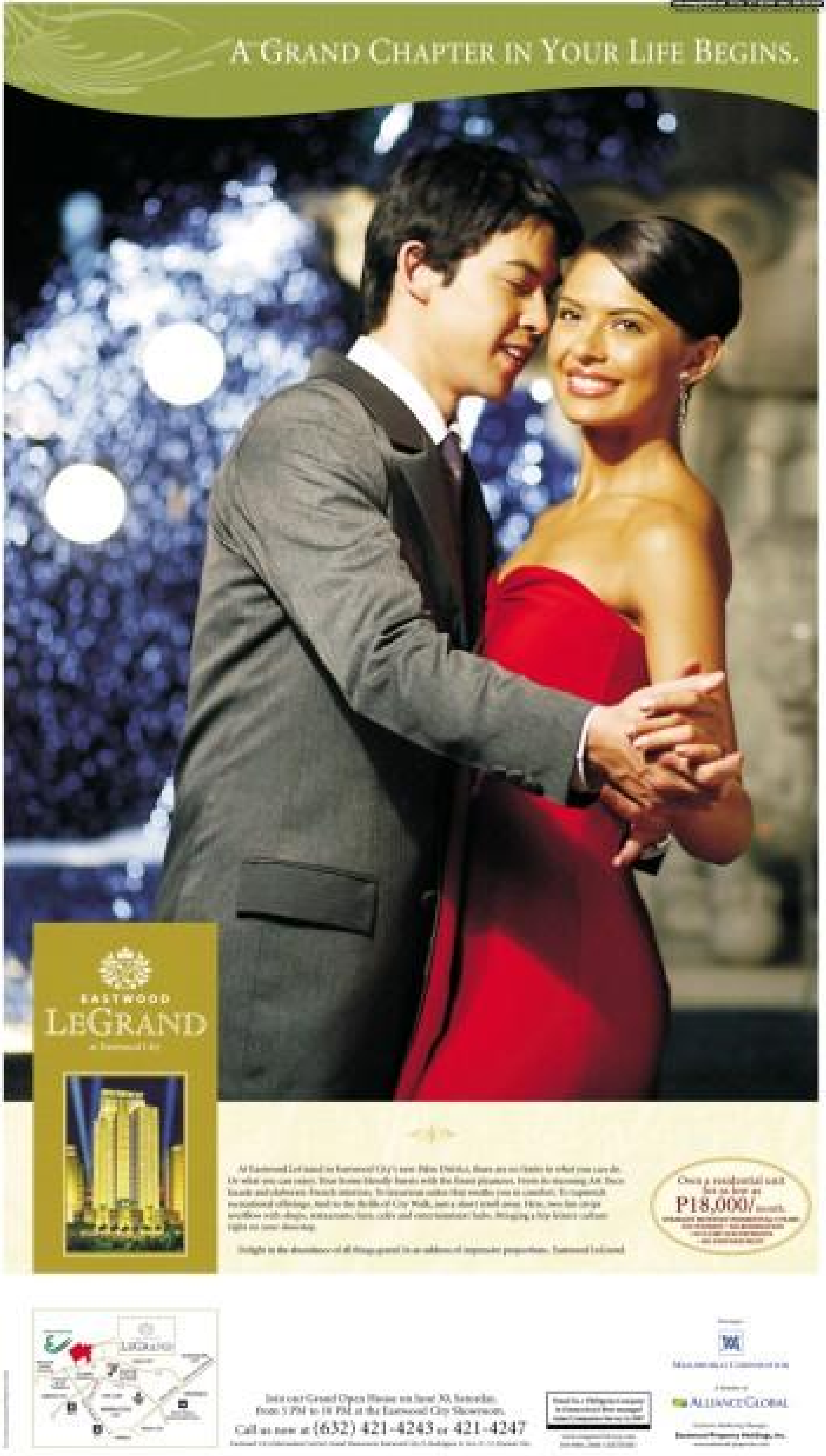
### Stranded asset

### Five-year window

### Solutions

### Cooperation crucial

### Changing wealth of nations



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LIFE DOWN UNDER.

## 'NO LEGAL INTEREST'

# Sandigan throws out claim over Pasig lot

By Jocelyn R. Uy

## Manila teachers replace trees cut for their building in Arroceros park

By Allison W. Lopez

## Police foil attempt to ransack bank vault

By Kristine L. Alave

### Krispy Kreme opens first drive-thru in Asia in Greenhills

### DID YOU KNOW

# Market for Muslim goods opens in August in Taguig

## MetroBriefs

### No place to hide

Tina G. Santos

### Water supply assured

### Makati fiesta

By John M. Aurelio

## Animal welfare group supports zoo closure

By Allison W. Lopez

# Man's body recovered by cops in Quiapo 'estero'

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# Charged for baptizing children as Catholic

On Target

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# Junk prosecutor's motion to recall bail, Leviste asks court

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# Europe hit by killer heat wave, floods



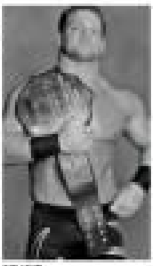
# CIA hired mafia to kill Castro



## Mummy believed to be that of Queen Hatshepsut found

# Papal poll guidelines amended

# Professional wrestler kills wife, son before hanging self



# Wreckage of lost Cambodian tourist plane found; 22 dead



# The WORLD

# China shuts down 180 food makers using formaldehyde



AN OFFICIAL from the Beijing Administration for Industry and Commerce (BAIC) office shows to journalists some of the fake or non-standard products on display at a BAIC food safety monitoring center in Beijing.

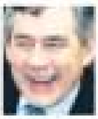
BEIJING—CHINA HAS CLOSED 180 FOOD FACTORIES AFTER inspectors found industrial chemicals being used in products from candy to seafood, state media said Wednesday.

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BLAIR



BROWN

# Blair out, Brown in as Britain's PM

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Reuters

# SPORTS

■ Venus rises, avoids tennis 'Graveyard' /A26





# Aces near 'Fiesta' finals

SAN MIGUEL'S Willie Wilson (left) applies pressure on Alaska's Willie Miller in last night's game.

# JRU Bombers nip Stags; Blazers torch Cardinals

## La Salle, SSC dispute finals seat

# 70th UAAP season kicks off July 7

## Racela joins Inquirer book-reading for kids

## Ateneo, La Salle golfers clash tomorrow



## MVP comes to the rescue

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

# HSBC sweeps elims



# Tiu rips nat'l drag mark

# PSC execs resign–GMA



# Pilipinas Amateur Golf Tour starts today

## Pasay hosts daytime Friday derby

## Las Piñas stagfest stakes P1 million

# SPORTS



## Venus rises, avoids tennis 'Graveyard'

## Ramirez: I can't make it to Beijing without Ty



## Annika faces stiffest Open challenge

## *After Yao, comes Yi in Chinese NBA invasion*





## LeBron says yes to US five

## China-bound RP athletes leave today

## 'Tac' joins SEAG a record 15th time



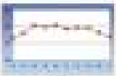
BUSINESS



# Call centers reeling from strong peso

## Gov't assistance through tax subsidies eyed

CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

LAPU-LAPU CITY—BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) firms have expressed concern over the effects of the strong peso on their operations and are considering seeking government help.

CALL CENTERS/B6

# Electronics sector posts 127% growth in investments

## DA seeks raise in rice program budget for '08

# Gov't eyes sale of stake in PNOC-EDC

## Finance expects to raise P50B from the firm's full privatization

## Easy to Jet

Breaktime

*Conrado R. Banal III*

# Cigarette firms clash over excise tax law

# PCCI calls for more infra projects

# Farmers try their hand at teaching

# OBITUARIES

*All the pain and grief is over*
*Every restless tossing passed*
*I am now at peace forever*
*Safely home in Heaven at last*

Our Dearly Beloved

## PABLO FLORENTINO NOLASCO, M.D.

***PablingÓ***

(January 23, 1922 - June 26, 2007)

**of Vigan, Ilocos Sur and St. Ignatius Village, Q.C.**
**Class of 1951, UST College of Medicine**
**Former Chief of Clinics, Quirino Memorial Medical Center**

peacefully joined his Creator at the age of 85.

His loving children Ronnie and Cora, Jeiji and Ray Macatangay, Eddie and Robert, grandchildren Joey, Eric, Joanna and Melissa, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His mortal remains lie in state at the Community Chapel of St. Ignatius Village, Quezon City.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at Quirino Memorial Medical Center, Katipunan Road, Project 4, Quezon City on June 29, 2007, Friday at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow immediately at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

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The Family of
**AMBASSADOR MANUEL T. YAN**
wishes to inform all relatives and friends of the late

## LEO ACAB YAN

who joined his Creator on June 26, 2007 at the age of 52,
that his remains lie in state at the Santuario de San Jose Greenhills,
city of San Juan, Metro Manila.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at the Manila Memorial Park, [illegible], Metro Manila after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Santuario de San Jose Greenhills.

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## CIPRIANO "Tata Efren" MIRAS POBLETE

*peacefully joined his Creator*
*on June 23, 2007 at the age of 68.*

His beloved wife Luz, daughters Helen and Pamela, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at #71 Tangcalan, Infanta, Quezon.

Interment will be on June 30, 2007 at 2 P.M.

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## PILAR PENABELLA-VYTIACO

peacefully joined her Creator on June 26, 2007, Tuesday [illegible]

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Our Dearly Beloved

## AMANDA POBLETE CAPARAS

**of [illegible], Quezon City and [illegible]**

peacefully joined our Lord and her husband [illegible] on June 26, 2007 at the age of [illegible].

[illegible]

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## JUAN A. VILLANUEVA, JR.

**of Botolan, Zambales**

*joined his Creator on June 26, 2007*
*at the age of 53.*

His children, grandchildren, parents, brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence in Tampo, Botolan, Zambales.

Interment will be announced later.

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## [illegible] SERRANO ARCANGEL

[illegible]

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## RITA "MAMATA" P. ENCINAS

of Tabaco City, Albay and [illegible]

Birth - [illegible]
Death - [illegible]

[illegible]

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# CLASSIFIEDS



## MORE CLASSIFIED ADS

# Stocks close at 2-week low on interest rate fears



# Megaworld donates office space to PCCI

# Call centers reeling from strong peso

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# BUSINESS

## Investors cite labor concerns



LIFESTYLE

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POPULAR buffet goes Asian/C2

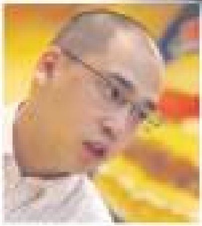

HOTSHOTS' Ultimate Burger with Cheese

THURSDAY FOOD


WENDY'S Big Mandarin Chicken Salad

You get the right to a trademark and product, and a partner with knowledge, skills and financial strength

# The promise of food franchising


CARLO de Guzman, president of Hotshots

Text by [illegible]
Photos by [illegible]

MORE ENTREPRENEURS are discovering franchising opportunities, thanks to increasing recruitment efforts by companies such as Wendy's and Hotshots.

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THE PROMISE C2


ELIZABETH Pardo-Orbeta, president of Wenphil Corporation

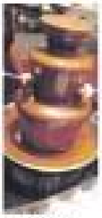


# All-time buffet favorite adds Asian specialties

The 21-year-old Cabalen gears itself for a bigger, younger clientele









### Gastronomic feast





## DINING OUT

### Anniversary discount









KITCHEN RESCUE
Reggie Aspiras

# Weeding out what is healthy



### Seaweed Salad

### Vodka/Martini

### Flavored Beer

# Healthy choice for kids' 'baon'



# Starting a food business

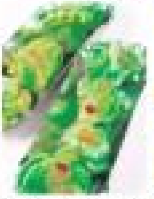
## Cookie house decorating contest



# The promise of food franchising

### Responsible franchising









# Street food to be desired

By Linda B. Bolido

THEY LOOK FAMILIAR AND YET THEY ARE NOT.

[illegible]

> Future entrepreneurs have tweaked popular street foods a little and given them new personalities, tastes and, sometimes, even names

COUNTRY COOKING
*Micky Fenix*

# Pinoy cookbook's 'distinguished scholarship' wins award

[illegible]



JANE Grigson, British cookery writer





SOPHIE Grigson, Jane's daughter and cookbook author

[illegible]



AMY Besa and Romy Dorotan, authors of "Memories of Philippine Kitchens"

# ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

**Did You Know...**

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# Rated 'X'

## Indie filmmaker at odds with movie-TV board for the third time

By Marinel R. Cruz

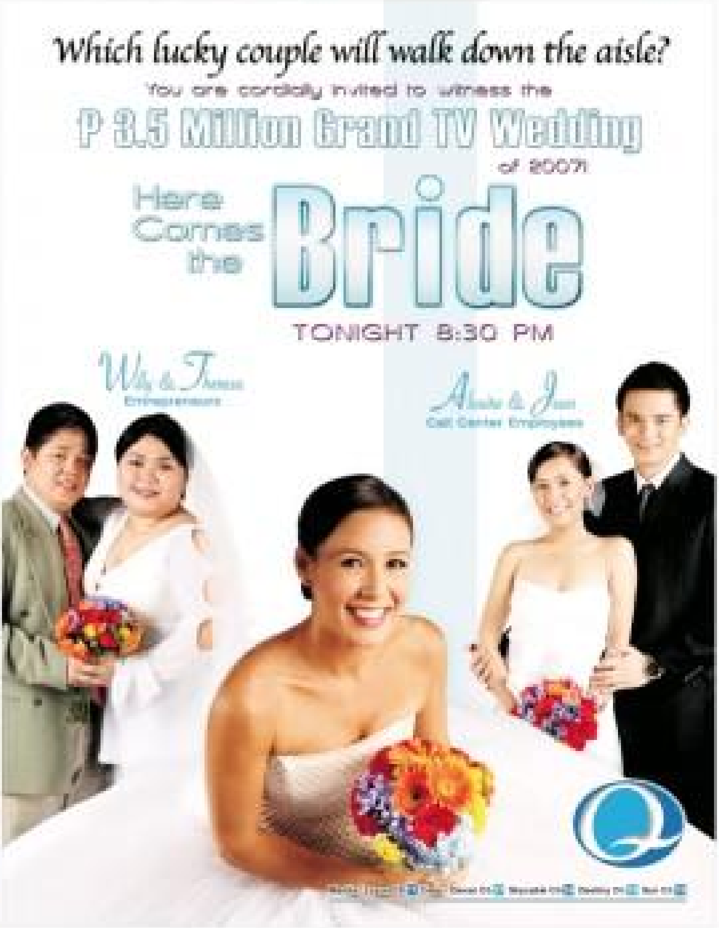
THE DIRECTOR OF THE independent films "Duda/Doubt" and "Bilog/Circle" is at odds with the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) once again. The board gave his new movie, "Moreno," an "X" rating.

[illegible]



JP RODAN, left, and Ray-an Dulay star in "Moreno"




## WEEKEND BOX OFFICE

Top 10 movies at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning June 22



Evan Almighty. Universal Pictures

| This | Last | Title | Gross | Wks |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Evan Almighty | $ 32.1 mln | 1 |
| 2 | | 1408 | $ 20.2 mln | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | Fantastic Four | $ 20.2 mln | 2 |
| 4 | 2 | Ocean's Thirteen | $ 11.3 mln | 3 |
| 5 | 3 | Knocked Up | $ 10.6 mln | 4 |
| 6 | 4 | Pirates of the Caribbean | $ 7.2 mln | 5 |
| 7 | 5 | Surf's Up | $ 6.7 mln | 3 |
| 8 | 6 | Shrek the Third | $ 5.8 mln | 6 |
| 9 | 7 | Nancy Drew | $ 6.5 mln | 2 |
| 10 | | A Mighty Heart | $ 3.9 mln | 1 |

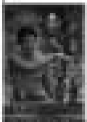
REUTERS

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## GALLERIA

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 TRANSFORMERS - THX | 6 FANTASTIC FOUR |
| 2 TRANSFORMERS | 7 NEXT |
| 3 TRANSFORMERS | 8 indieBox: MORENO |
| 4 TRANSFORMERS | 9 KAPE KARMA |
| 5 BUG | 10 THE INVISIBLE |



NOW SHOWING
MORENO
JUNE 27 to JULY 03
GALLERIA

## ERMITA

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 TRANSFORMERS | |
| 2 FANTASTIC FOUR | 5 TRANSFORMERS |
| 3 KAPE KARMA | 6 TRANSFORMERS |
| 4 BUG | 7 THE INVISIBLE NEXT |

## METRO EAST

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| 1 FANTASTIC FOUR | 5 KAPE KARMA |
| 2 TRANSFORMERS | 6 TRANSFORMERS |
| 3 TRANSFORMERS | 7 TRANSFORMERS |
| 4 BUG | 8 THE INVISIBLE NEXT |

## NOVALICHES

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| 1 TRANSFORMERS | 4 THE INVISIBLE |
| 2 TRANSFORMERS | 5 TRANSFORMERS |
| 3 FANTASTIC FOUR | 6 NEXT |

## PIONEER

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|---|---|
| 1 TRANSFORMERS | 3 BUG |
| 2 TRANSFORMERS | 4 FANTASTIC FOUR |

## STA. ROSA

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 TRANSFORMERS
3 FANTASTIC FOUR
4 FIREHOUSE DOG
5 THE CONDEMNED

## LIPA

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 TRANSFORMERS
3 FANTASTIC FOUR
4 ZODIAC
5 FRACTURE / WILDERNESS

## DASMARIÑAS

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 TRANSFORMERS
3 FANTASTIC FOUR
4 WILDERNESS
5 THE CONDEMNED

## ANGELES

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 TRANSFORMERS
3 FANTASTIC FOUR
4 WILDERNESS

## IMUS

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 TRANSFORMERS
3 FANTASTIC FOUR
4 ANGELS
5 BORDERTOWN
6 WILDERNESS

## STARMILLS

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 FANTASTIC FOUR
3 FRACTURE
4 WILDERNESS
5 TENACIOUS D
6 TRANSFORMERS

## BACOLOD

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 TRANSFORMERS
3 FANTASTIC FOUR
4 RESERVE
5 28 WEEKS LATER
6 LETTER fm IWO JIMA

## ILOILO

1 TRANSFORMERS
2 TRANSFORMERS
3 28 WEEKS LATER
4 LUCKY YOU
5 FANTASTIC FOUR
6 BORDERTOWN



# MMTA
METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

# MOVIE GUIDE
NOW SHOWING



# Rated 'X'

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

# ENTERTAINMENT

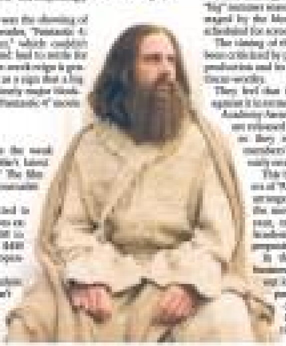
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# Current box-office figures analyzed

## VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre



STEVE Carell in "Evan Almighty"

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### Another letdown

[illegible]

### Released too early

[illegible]

# Top networks get warnings

By Marinel R. Cruz

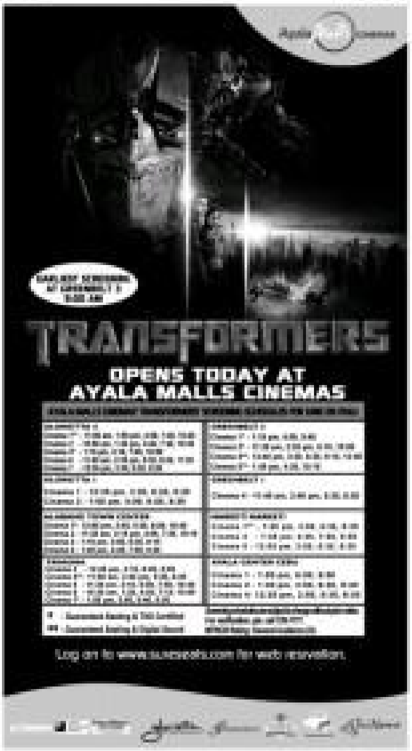
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### Top insects

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### Gross

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# A pleasant surprise from Tita Nena

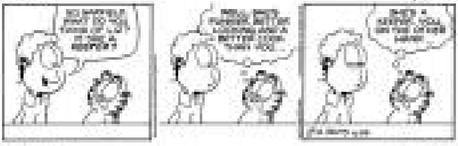




CESAR MONTANO

## Accurate ratings

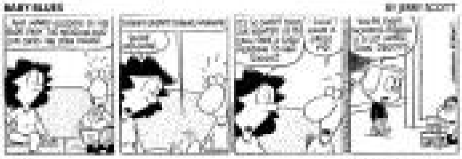
GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



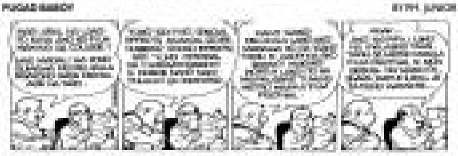
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BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



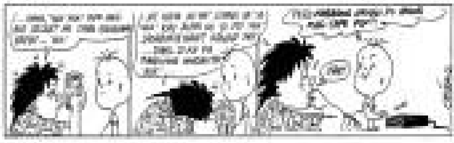
PUGAD BABOY



MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL




LOVEKNOTS — BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



BY LYRA GARCELLANO



DIVINE COMEDY

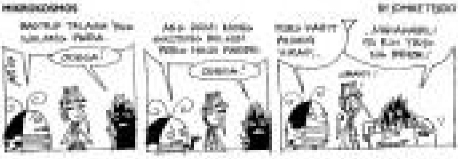



MAY TRABAHO NA SI DONALD TRUMP SA AFTER-LIFE

SIKO MACHINE



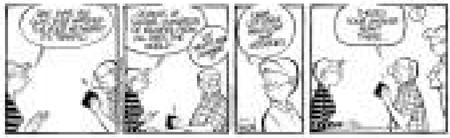
BY JOMIKE TEJIDO



TULDOK



BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



## DAILY CROSSWORD

## HOROSCOPE

## CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

# Knack for novelty



Joey de Leon

Spin City



Westlife



## Feeling romantic

## Rare video

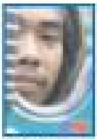


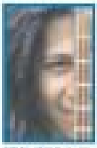
# Reggae and 'kundiman'

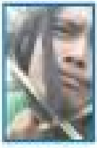
A band of Bicolanos resurrects 'Sarung Banggi' with a new beat

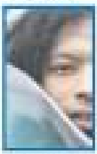
## Created awareness

## Bridged gap









## More than music

## Missed opportunity

# Willie Nep stars in 'Feelin' Las Vegas'

Show Time

## US-Canadian tour